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HOLOCAUST DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Holocaust Days of Remembrance will be observed from 30 April through 7 May 2000. The theme of this year's observance is "The Holocaust and the New Century: The Imperative to Remember."

Commemorative events will be scheduled throughout USAREUR to mark this observance. Leaders should refer to USAREUR Pamphlet 600-21 and encourage participation in these events within mission constraints.

USAREUR EMERGENCY COLLECT-CALL TELEPHONE NUMBER

USAREUR has established an emergency telephone number that allows USAREUR soldiers and civilians to make collect calls to the USAREUR Command Center at Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg, Germany. This number should be used only for bona fide emergencies (for example, serious injury, incarceration) and only if the individual is without sufficient funds and has no other means of contacting his or her unit.

Effective immediately, this emergency telephone number will be included on all leave and pass statements and temporary duty (TDY) orders with the following statement:

"The USAREUR emergency collect-call telephone number is to be used only for bona fide emergencies without other means of calling. In Germany, the civilian telephone number is 06221-336660. Outside Germany, the civilian telephone number is (49) 6221-336660."

Personnel cannot make direct calls to their unit using this number. The

USAREUR Command Center will screen and relay the calls. Emergency collect calls may be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from anywhere in the world. The number personnel must use to reach an operator to place a collect call varies from country to country.

➤In Belgium, the number is 080010049.

➤In Germany, the number is 01802001033. This number cannot be called from pay telephones.

➤In Italy, the number is 0080033004900.

➤In The Netherlands, the number is 08000410.

➤In the United States, the number is 1-800-225-5288.

Personnel in countries other than those listed above should consult the local telephone directory to find the number of the operator. The term "collect call" is understood by telephone operators in Europe.

ARMY IDEAS FOR EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) provides an opportunity for personnel to contribute ideas to help the U.S. Government operate more efficiently. Soldiers, U.S. civilian and local national employees, and family members are eligible to participate in the AIEP. Eligible ideas include those that suggest ways to—

➤Accomplish a job better, faster, or less expensively.

➤Improve or simplify a procedure, operation, method, layout, or organization.

➤Increase productivity.

➤Conserve material or property.

➤Promote health or improve working conditions.

➤Greatly reduce the likelihood of serious accidents.

➤Improve morale with regard to personnel policy, practices, services, or facilities.

Each area support group (ASG) has an AIEP coordinator. Personnel may submit their ideas to their ASG AIEP coordinator using DA Form 1045 (Army Ideas for Excellence Program (AIEP) Proposal). Ideas may be submitted by e-mail.

The USAREUR AIEP Homepage at <http://www.odcsrcm.hqusareur.army.mil/rmmp/aiep/aiephp.htm> lists e-mail addresses for AIEP coordinators and provides more information on submitting ideas.

RESTRICTIONS ON U.S.-MADE TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Travelers may no longer bring U.S.-made tobacco products into the United States that they bought tax-free outside the United States.

This ban applies to tax-exempt cigars, cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and cigarette papers and tubes made in the United States and bought in duty-free shops, on board international aircraft and ships, and at military exchanges and commissaries outside the United States. Cuban tobacco products also are banned due to the economic embargo against that country.

Opened packages of tax-exempt cigarettes and even small quantities of tax-exempt U.S. tobacco products may not be brought into the United States.

Foreign tobacco products (other than Cuban), U.S.-brand tobacco products made

outside the United States, and U.S. tobacco products bought tax-paid in the United States are the only tobacco products that travelers may bring into the United States. USAREUR personnel can determine the country of origin of cigarettes by looking at the tax band around cartons.

The United States Customs Service (USCS) will not make exceptions to these restrictions or accept offers to pay the tax. Travelers should declare all tobacco products to customs inspectors, who will examine the products and determine if they may be brought into the United States. Travelers who properly declare restricted tobacco products may abandon them to the USCS for destruction. USCS personnel will give travelers a receipt for tobacco products they abandon.

Restricted tobacco products that are not declared will be seized and penalties may be assessed against the traveler. Travelers who attempt to import restricted tobacco products may receive civil penalties of either \$1,000 or five times the amount of tax imposed on the product, whichever is greater. Any aircraft, vehicle, or other vessel that the traveler uses to aid or abet these violations is subject to seizure and forfeiture. Travelers may avoid these penalties only by declaring and abandoning restricted tobacco products to USCS personnel.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Website at <http://www.atf.treas.gov/tobacco/rstrcttob.htm> provides more information on this restriction.

NEW USAREUR COMMAND POLICY LETTER

The following USAREUR command policy letter has been distributed as shown:

➤USAREUR Command Policy Letter 26, Company-Grade Commander Counseling, AEAGA (370-8543), 26 March 2000 (Distr: A)

Units included in the distribution should have received their copies. The proponent telephone number is listed after the office symbol. This policy letter is also available

in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

NEW USAREUR COMMAND MEMORANDUM

The following USAREUR command memorandum has been distributed as shown:

➤USAREUR Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) Competition Fiscal Year 2000, AEAGA-IM (370-7434/8383), 24 March 2000 (Dist: Sp (distributed to ASG commanders by e-mail only))

Units included in the distribution should have received their copies. The proponent telephone number is listed after the office symbol. This memorandum is also available in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR ABUSED DEPENDENTS

The policy in memorandum, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEAGA-GY, 8 March 1999, subject as above, will continue in effect until 8 March 2001. This memorandum is available in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

USAREUR POLICY ON PERSONAL USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

The policy in memorandum, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEAIM-SM-PB, 6 April 1999, subject as above, will continue in effect until 6 April 2001. This memorandum is available in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

DELEGATION OF APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT

The policy in memorandum, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEAIM-SM-PB, 14 April 1999, subject as above, will continue in effect until 14 April 2001. This memorandum is available in the Electronic Library of USAREUR Publications and AE Forms at <http://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/home.htm>.

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